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Ian Duane made a welcome return in the "A" Team last week after a long lay off with a leg injury.

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Bee Gee's Match Report & Comments

Sunday, 9th January, 1983—League Championship—At Wilderspool

WIRE 12pts. LEEDS 13pts.

This was an excellent game of Rugby League and even without a touch of bias WIRE were very unlucky to take second prize. Despite an early try by the wily veteran Alan Smith, Wire deservedly took the lead when Neil Courtney disregarded the tacklers and went over from near the line. Maybe Leeds were looking for an Eccles try and other players can capitalise on this as Bob has come in for some tight marking lately. Duane kicked the goal to make it 5-3. WIRE then put some good moves together, none better than a run by Mike Gregory who handed on to Eccles who sent out a wide pass to Phil Ford who flew through the Leeds ranks beating three players then cut towards the posts for an easier conversion attempt. Apparently he put a foot beyond the dead ball line and Mr. Fox had no hesitation in ruling out one of the best tries of the season. Shortly afterwards Paul Cullen who will be much better for a few tries under his belt hesitated and missed a good scoring chance. A further two points from a Ron Duane penalty sent Wire in to a well deserved ovation from the home supporters.

Early in the second half Ron Duane put Wire further ahead with another penalty and at 9-3 things were looking good. Leeds brought up Neil Hague into a second out-half position and created space for a try by centre Wilkinson which Kevin Dick goaled from way out 9-8. In the last quarter Ron Duane continuing his improvement (marvellous what a difference try scoring makes), was too powerful for the Leeds defenders and touched down one handed to make it 12-8. The Hague ploy once again paid dividends, this time the full back finding space for himself to go in near enough for Dick to strike home the conversion. 12-13 and that was how it ended disappointingly for Wire. Once again in a close hard fought game, the odd drop goal could have swung the issue in our favour but no one was prepared to increase our seasons tally from two and another game was lost by the narrowest possible margin.

On the bright side, Ronnie Duane is now looking a top class centre and John Fieldhouse has now played against some of the most revered names in the game and lost nothing in comparison. The team needs a confidence booster as on their day they are capable of fast attractive winning rugby. Winning is habit forming and this season our poor away form has prevented a prolonged run of consistency. Ron Duane made light of his added responsibility as goal kicker and Bob Eccles generally made good ground with the touch kicks. Ken Kelly as always this season worked tirelessly to get his side moving and Phil Ford has brought excitement to Wilderspool.

Sunday, 16th January, 1983—League Championship—At Craven Park.

BARROW 17pts. WIRE 10pts.

Steve Hesford's kick off direct into the hands of a Barrow player did little to dispel the gloom of a trip to Cumbria accompanied by heavy cloud and the promise of rain. Despite this Wire pressed hard in the first ten minutes and were looking sharp until Ian Ball, who seems to have done this thing many times before, made an interception and ran eighty yards to score under the Wire posts. Tickle took the conversion and Wire were 0-5 down. Whilst still in a state of secondary shock, David Cairns pushed his way over despite his size and weight or lack of both. Ball goaled to make it 0-10 with Barrow oozing confidence whilst Wire struggled to put a few moves together. Hesford kicked a penalty to make it 2-10 at half time. David Chisnall replaced injured Tony Cooke and sprayed his passes around to give Wire a little more purpose. Referee Berry's commendable efforts to ensure impartiality to both sides was clouded

by the two homer touch judges who appeared over anxious to placate the baying partisan supporters and consequently Neil Courtney was made "baddie" for the day with "oohs, aahs and gerrymoff" at every tackle. The ploy finally succeeded but referee Berry required David Cairns to take a walk at the same time for his contribution. Chissie was next for attention and he became Wires first vistor to the Sin Bin in this country. Ten minutes the Ref said as the Master at Arms accompanied Chissie to the Walney Island State Penitentiary. I made it 12 minutes before Kevin and Derek Whitehead left the field to see if they could sign some bail sheets to get him out of Chokey and nearer 15 minutes than ten by the time he put foot on the field of play (I still think the Sin Bin is an Aussie Con).

Meanwhile in the Rugby Match Hesford brought the score to 10-4 down with a penalty, but Ball quickly replied with another two points. Derek Finnegan playing at No. 4 made an inspired run to put Phil Ford away for a try on the nearest piece of touchdown turf he could find which was in the corner. 12-7. Hope springs eternal. A try by the Barrow No. 3 converted by Ball brought the home total to 17. Bob Eccles who had one disallowed earlier for improper grounding suddenly found space and made the job look easy to beat Barrow defence for pace and touchdown. Hesford's two attempts at conversions hovered above the cross bar before being blown back by gusts from the Atlantic. Bob had a hard game and put in plenty of graft to fully deserves his try No. 23 in the League List. Little went the Wire way, I can remember an astute Ken Kelly kick which bounced beautifully for the home full back when a try looked on and generally the Cumbrian Gods were not smiling upon us. That 10-0 early lead proved fatal. The replacement of Carl Webb by Roger O'Mahoney proved nothing as Wire only began to win the ball from set scrums after the departure of the home No. 7 David Cairns which must add up to something if you think about it. Mark Forster made his first team debut in the game but the only attacking punch from the backs came from the left flank of Finnegan and Ford.



John Fieldhouse (seen here in an earlier game). Try scorer in Carpentras for the Under 24 XIII last weekend.

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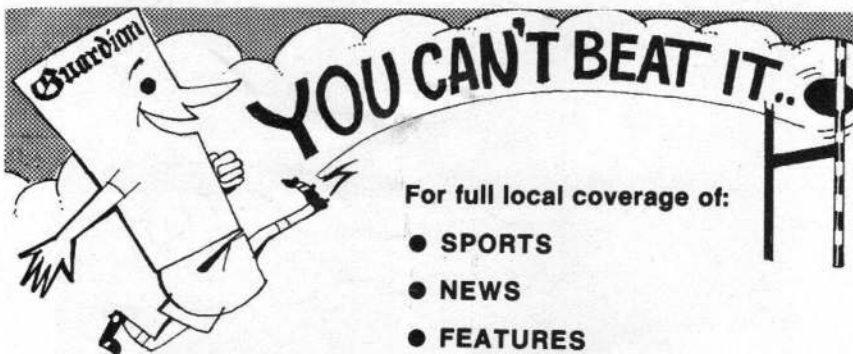
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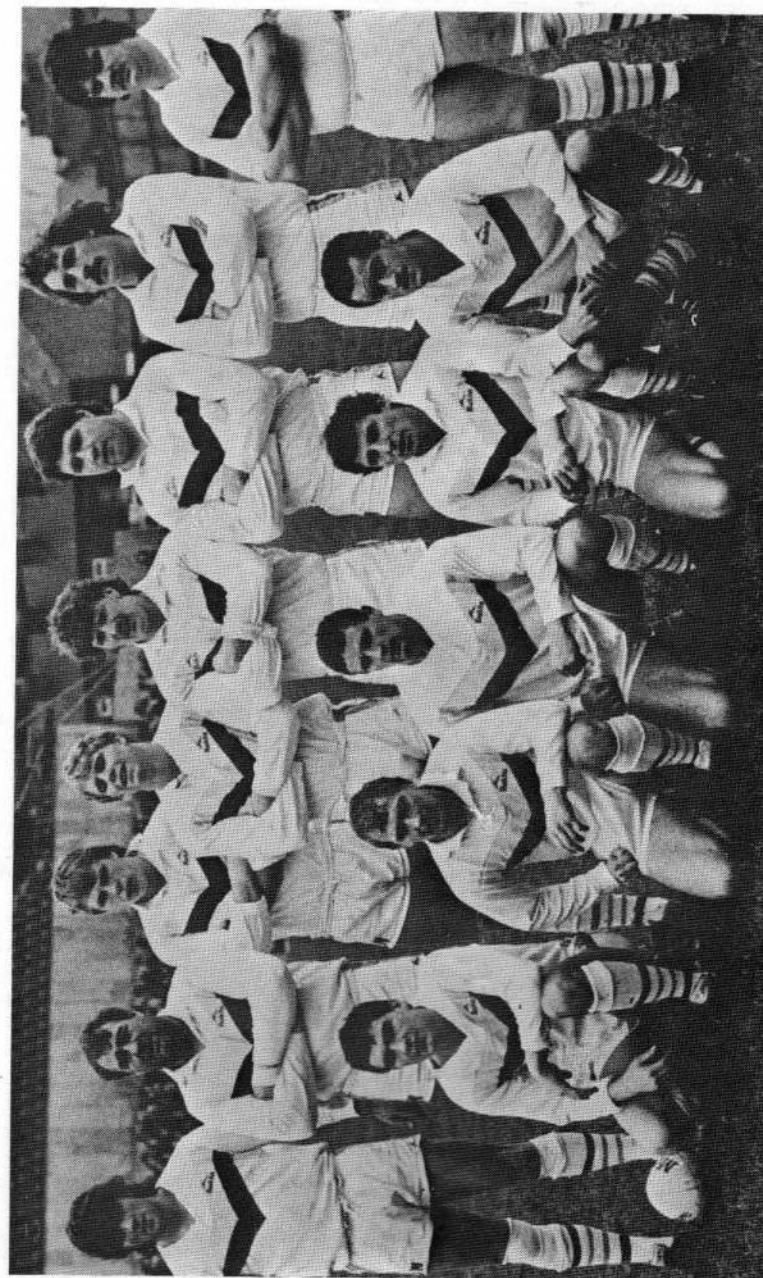
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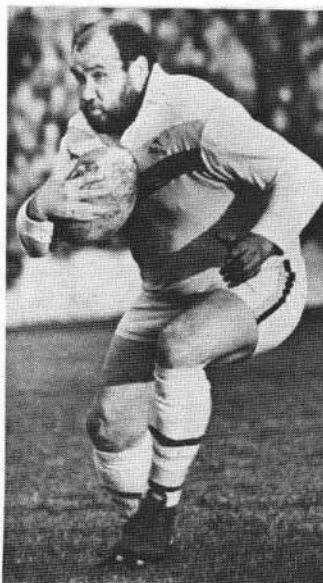
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	App	Sub	Tries	Goals	D/G.	App	Sub	T.	G.	D/G.
Bevan, J.	306(4)	—	191(2)	6	1	15(1)	—	7	—	—
Case, B.	178(4)	16	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chisnall, D.	32(1)	9	4	—	—	8(1)	7	2	—	—
Cooke, A.	19	1	3	—	—	19	1	3	—	—
Courtney, N.	119(3)	2	4	—	—	24(1)	—	1	—	—
Cullen, P.	36(1)	2(1)	1	—	—	23(1)	1	—	—	—
Cunningham, T.	31(1)	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dainty, G.	—	2(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Duane, I.	79(2)	9	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Duane, R.	38(1)	4(1)	8	10	—	24(1)	—	5	6	—
Eccles, R.	146(3)	43	62(1)	33(6)	3	24(1)	—	24(1)	—	1
Fellowes, P.	20(3)	—	7	—	—	7(1)	—	1	—	—
Fieldhouse, J.	47(2)	21	4	—	—	19(1)	2	—	—	—
Finnegan, D.	224(8)	19	34(1)	—	—	13(1)	7	—	—	—
Ford, Paul	29(1)	10(1)	4	25(6)	1	3	4(1)	—	8(1)	—
Ford, Phil	50(1)	1	23	—	—	12	1	10	—	—
Forster, M.	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Gittens, T.	30	2(1)	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gleave, M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gregory, M.	17	1	4	—	—	17	1	4	—	—
Gwilliam, A.	114(2)	25(2)	18	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Hesford, S.	265(4)	6	39(1)	940(11)	40	22(1)	—	—	77(2)	—
Holbrook, A.	24(1)	13	3	—	—	2	2	—	—	—
Kelly, K.	193(3)	5	55(1)	—	5	22(1)	—	5(1)	—	1
Kelly, M.	125	5(1)	31	—	—	11	1(1)	2	—	—
McGinty, W.	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Muller, R.	11	2	—	—	—	11	2	—	—	—
O'Mahoney, R.	11	—	1	—	—	11	—	1	—	—
Peake, J.	2	3	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
Rawlinson, T.	8	1(1)	—	—	—	5	1(1)	—	—	—
Scott, A.	21	2	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
Taylor, P.	13(1)	1	1(1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thackray, R.	72(2)	—	22(2)	—	—	15(1)	—	1	—	—
Waller, R.	116(2)	4(2)	7	—	5	—	—	—	—	—
Webb, C.	32(1)	3	3	—	—	13(1)	—	1	—	—
Whittaker, J.	43	13(2)	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worrall, A.	19(3)	25(1)	3(2)	—	—	1	2	—	—	—

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Today's sides have already met twice, in the same week during September. At Watersheddings in midweek the home side had looked the better balanced outfit winning 22pts to 12pts against a Wire side disrupted by the loss of Ken Kelly after only eight minutes with an ankle injury. Three of the Oldham tries that day came as a direct result of sub standard tackling a fault which Coach Ashcroft remedied in the later stages of the Lancashire Cup Competition.

Scorers at Oldham were Parrish 5 goals and tries to McCurrie, Ashton, Foy and Mike Worrall for the home team and Wire replied with 3 Paul Ford goals and tries by ex-Oldham Roger O'Mahoney and Phil Ford.

The following Sunday took Wire into the Semi-Final of that Lancashire Cup Competition with a win over our visitors by 16-14. Still without skipper Ken Kelly, Wire had Steve Hesford back which proved significant when his five goals were added to tries by Derek Finnegan and Mike Gregory. Oldham replied with four Parrish goals and tries by Ashley McEwen and Paddy Kirwan.

Wire fans will be keen to run the rule over Oldham's contribution to Frank Myler's Under 24 side, so successful in France last weekend— forwards Andy Goodway, Mike Worrall (brother of Tony), skipper Flanagan and nippy scrum half Ray Ashton. Together with our own John Fieldhouse and Ron Duane, they made up half the G.B. 13.

Mick Parrish is a top goal kicker and hooker McCurrie a wily performer both inside and outside the set scrums. All round Oldham are now a good side and Wire will need to settle early today to take the much needed points from this game.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Aug. 15	Wigan (Locker Cup)	A	L	12-15
12	Featherstone	A	D	12-12
25	Workington	A	L	0-8
29	Castleford	H	L	15-20
Sept. 5	Huyton (Lancs. Cup)	H	W	43-5
12	Wigan	H	W	19-13
15	Oldham	A	L	12-22
19	Oldham (Lancs Cup 2)	H	W	16-14
26	Bradford	H	W	15-6
30	Fulham (Semi F.L.C.) (at Wigan)	W	L	17-8
Oct. 3	Hull	A	L	11-15
10	Widnes	H	W	26-6
13	Castleford	A	L	10-14
23	St. Helens (Lancs Cup Final)	N	W	16-0
31	St. Helens	A	L	11-16
Nov. 7	Barrow	H	W	20-16
14	Halifax	A	L	11-16
21	Carlisle	H	W	11-7
Dec. 5	Halifax (John Player 1)	H	W	19-8
12	Blackpool (John Player)	H	W	36-15
19	Hull K.R. (John Player)	H	W	11-10
26	Leigh	A	W	12-9
1983				
Jan. 2	Wigan (John Player Semi)	N	L	14-15
9	Leeds	H	L	12-13
16	Barrow	A	L	10-17
23	Oldham	H		
30	Carlisle	A		
Feb. 6	Hull	H		
13	(Chall. Cup 1st Rd.)			
20	Leeds	A		
27	(Chall. Cup 2nd Rd.)			
Mar. 6	Featherstone	H		
16	St. Helens	H		
20	Bradford	A		
27	Halifax	H		
April 1	Widnes	A		
4	Leigh	H		
10	Hull K.R.	A		
Hull K.R.		H	to be arranged	

"A" TEAM FIXTURES

Aug. 21	Workington	H	W	51-13
Sept. 10	Wigan	A	L	12-18
23	Swinton	A	W	20-12
Oct. 8	Barrow (Shield)	A	W	23-12
16	Wigan	H	W	31-16
26	Salford	A	L	5-8
30	St. Helens	H	W	16-9
Nov. 6	Barrow	A	L	17-21
13	Salford	H	W	26-5
Dec. 4	Rochdale	A	W	31-16
11	Workington	A	W	18-17
16	Leigh	A	L	17-25
21	Widnes (Shield 2)	A	W	25-10
1983				
Jan. 15	Barrow	H	D	5-5
21	Oldham	A		
29	Whitehaven	H		
Feb. 19	Leigh	H		
26	Whitehaven	A		
Mar. 10	Rochdale	A		
19	Widnes	H		

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Leeds	17	13	1	3	27
Hull K.R.	18	13	0	5	26
Wigan	16	11	1	4	23
Castleford	18	11	0	7	22
St. Helens	17	10	1	6	21
Oldham	18	9	2	7	20
Leigh	19	8	3	8	19
Widnes	18	8	1	7	17
Barrow	17	8	1	8	17
Featherstone	19	8	1	10	17
Bradford N.	17	7	1	9	15
Warrington	16	6	1	9	13
Halifax	19	4	1	14	9
Workington	17	2	1	14	5
Carlisle	17	1	0	16	2

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HOME TEAM \ AWAY TEAM	Barrow	Bradford N.	Carlisle	Castleford	Featherstone R.	Halifax	Hull	Hull K.R.	Leeds	Leigh	Oldham	St. Helens	Warrington	Widnes	Wigan	Workington T.
Barrow				30-20		57-0	7-25	14-9			12-5	19-12	17-10	5-16		28-4
Bradford N.	20-15		15-7	16-10	17-5	2-10	0-6	3-5			10-23					
Carlisle	11-12				0-11	20-5		12-14	5-25	7-23				10-17	7-10	
Castleford		13-15	20-18		30-13	12-11		10-8	32-5	21-7	12-14	31-10	14-10			
Featherstone R.	13-7		20-10			13-7			14-23		5-2	12-29	12-12	12-14		41-8
Halifax	15-15	6-10					2-8	9-36		12-11	5-20		16-11	7-0	3-16	
Hull			5-2	36-20	24-15	26-2		35-5		2-8		15-11	13-4			24-7
Hull K.R.		11-5	25-3		26-12	35-4	16-12		22-9		31-10				5-6	33-10
Leeds	36-10		34-15		5-11	39-10		19-17		20-8	12-12	13-10			8-5	
Leigh		15-23		32-16	5-7	28-0	16-16	7-5				19-19	9-12	19-19	12-5	25-7
Oldham			17-14		10-1		2-5	4-5	8-15				22-12	7-17	11-11	24-19
St. Helens		12-11		23-24	13-10		19-18		10-19	20-15		16-11			11-8	27-7
Warrington	20-16	15-6	11-7	15-20					12-13					26-6	19-13	
Widnes	36-12	20-9				26-20		14-17	17-24	9-10		11-18				
Wigan	19-5	12-4		20-8	45-0		23-8		10-9							34-9
Workington T.		5-5	25-10	10-23					14-20	4-8	15-20	8-0	12-29	12-31		

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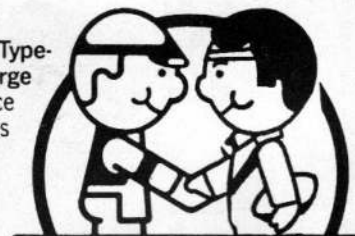
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Club Notes, Views and Opinions

by BEE GEE

Congratulations to Ronnie Duane and John Fieldhouse both of whom made the score-sheet with tries in the convincing 19-5 win over France in the Under 24 International at Carpentras. By all accounts both players, products of the Warrington Amateur Rugby League, made their mark on the game and in John's case on a Frenchman for which he spent five minutes in the Bastille.

Today's Semi-Final Sevens are between Stockton Heath v. Bradshaw and Park Road v. Beamont.

Latest Wire signing from Amateur R.L. is Brian James Carbert, a 17 yrs old centre from Halton Hornets. Brian has gained R.U. Honours for Lancashire and England R.U. at Under 16 and Under 17 levels.

Brian Case was last week transferred to Wigan after a long absence from Wilderspool. John Whittaker and Paul Ford are listed at £5,000 and £10,000 at their own request.

Another Chaplin's Nite Out has been arranged for 21st February, commencing 8 p.m. Tickets at £3.50 are available from Stand Appeal Committee Members or the Club Office.

The "One Off" Stand Tickets for the HULL game on Sunday, 6th February, 1983 are selling well. For £5 you will have the unique opportunity of a first visit to the new stand, plus a free programme, free drink at the Bar and entry into a Grand Prize Draw. First Prize a holiday for two with Arrowsmiths to the value of £600 (your choice). Second Prize £200 cash, Third Prize £100 cash. Tickets limited in number are available only for 6th February from Members of the Stand Appeal Committee or the Club Office.

The Semi-Finals of the Lancashire Shield are between WIRE "A" (the holders) v. Oldham "A" and St. Helens "A" v. Workington "A". WIRES "A" match has been arranged for TUESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY. Kick-off 7.30 p.m. The semi-finals are one leg only and if the teams are level after 80 minutes an extra ten minutes each way will be played. The final is two-leg.

Next Meeting of the John Bevan Testimonial Committee is Wednesday, 26th January at 8. p.m.

Today's game kicks off at 2.30 p.m. as we welcome the Granada T.V. Cameras together with presenter Richard Madeley and Commentator Keith Macklin. Highlights of today's game will be put out on Monday Night at 11.55 p.m. which gives a raw deal to early morning viewers of Breakfast T.V. At least the showing will not be interspersed with Soccer results and Gillingham's latest goal scorer.

On a bleak and blustery Saturday afternoon when the Test Card on Channel 4 might have seemed a viable alternative, WIRE "A" turned in an undistinguished performance to draw 5-5 with Barrow "A" at Wilderspool. 5-2 down at half time seemed far enough against a head wind but little or no advantage was taken of the second half conditions and the only addition to Paul Ford's First Half penalty was a touchdown from a scrum by Tommy Rawlinson. Tony Worrall once more looked the pick of the forwards and the only other point worthy of comment was that Ian Duane made his long awaited return to action after last season's leg injury. As the adrenalin began to flow, Ian put in a couple of good runs late in the game when ideas were sadly lacking. The 5-5 scoreline is best summed up in that neither side was good enough to win. What was very obvious was the need for the know how of John Whittaker, Alan Gwilliam or even half a game from Chissie to show that it is possible to circumvent an obstacle as an alternative to running through it. Second half substitute Brian Carbert looked promising.

In the First Round of the Rugby League Challenge Cup WIRE are drawn at home against BRAMLEY. The tie will be played on Sunday, 13th February. The Second Round is two week later.

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THE BARROW BOYS

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Frank Barrow's recent appointment to be assistant coach to Frank Myler at Oldham, following the surprise departure of Peter Smethurst to Leigh, brings Frank face to face with brother Tony who holds a similar position with WIRE.

Hailing from Thatto Heath the brothers joined local R.L. side St. Helens. Tony, a utility back spent eight years at Knowsley Road, and played in two Lancashire Cup Finals (one against Wire in 1967), the 1966 Championship Final and a subs' appearance in the 1966 Challenge Cup Final at Wembley before moving on to Leigh in 1970. A positional switch to Stand off saw him playing there in Leigh's victorious 1971 Challenge Cup Final. In that Leigh side was present Wire Coach Kevin Ashcroft. A year later Tony captained Leigh in a Floodlit Trophy win over Widnes.

Fearless fullback Frank played in eleven major finals for St. Helens, including the 1966 Challenge Cup and three successive Championship finals 1965, 66 and 67., plus the 1970 final. Additionally Frank appeared in two Floodlit Finals and four Lancashire Cup Finals. In 1972 he joined Tony at Leigh by which time his weight and power had taken him into the pack, from which position he played in the 1972 Floodlit Final. Before his move to Oldham Frank successfully coached the Thatto Heath Amateur R.L. side in which his interest is still maintained (spare time job).

In 1978 Billy Benyon, a team mate of the Barrows at Saints, brought Tony to Wilderspool as his assistant. Apart from wielding a mean sponge at any first teamers who are not staying the pace, Tony gently persuades the "A" teamers to produce the fire which he always displayed on the field. Under his guidance players like Ian and Ronnie Duane, Paul Cullen, Carl Webb, Andy Holbrook, John Fieldhouse, Paul Ford, Mike Gregory, Paul Fellowes and other have progressed to first team level. Last season Tony's team did the "A" Team double by capturing the Lancashire Combination and the Lancashire Shield. This season the "A" Team, with many new players, has once again reached the semi-final of the Shield Competition.

Oddly enough their opponents are Oldham "A" which brings the Barrow boys together in an eyeball to eyeball confrontation. Tuesday, 1st. February is the date, 7.30 p.m. the time and Wilderspool the battleground. Should be interesting. See you there.